

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The House Appropriations Committee today voted to advance the Department of Defense funding bill to the House for a full vote. That vote, scheduled for next week, is expected to pass with funding intact. When signed by the president, the Central Coast projects will see \$24 million.

"The Central Coast is home to several of our nation's most valuable institutions for national defense," said Rep. Sam Farr (D-Carmel). "From graduate courses for our military officers to language programs that help move us toward self-sufficiency in foreign lands, our local assets are making important contributions to our national security."

Program details:

Naval Postgraduate School:

- **NPS laboratory modernization, \$10 million.** Funds will modernize NPS laboratories and related science and engineering library holdings.
- **Center for Defense Technology and Education for the Military Services, \$5 million.** Funds will go toward several programs including the Center for Stabilization and Reconstruction Studies; Stability, Security, Transition and Reconstruction Certificate; Tactical Networking Topology; Remote Sensing Center; CNO Distinguished Fellows Program.
- **Field Experimentation Program for Special Operations, \$2 million.** Allows Special Operations Command officers returning from tours of duty in Iraq, Afghanistan and elsewhere to build upon their battlefield experiences with new technologies in a structured research and development environment.

Monterey Institute for International Studies:

- **Translation and interpretation skills for the Department of Defense, \$2 million.** The institute, which offers the only graduate-level translation and interpretation curriculum in the United States, will develop and implement a program to build national capacity in translation and interpretation for Defense Department personnel.

Other programs:

- **Tactical RPG Airbag Protection System (TRAPS) Enhancement, \$2 million.** Uses funds to build on previous research to defeat tandem RPG and anti-tank guided missile threats.
- **Mobile Battery Shop, \$1 million.** Funds will enable the army to purchase Mobile Battery Shops that allow for battery recovery and verification systems.
- **Center for Nonproliferation Studies, \$2 million.** Located at the Monterey Institute for International Studies.

"Our local military institutions are uniquely suited to the values of the Central Coast," Rep. Farr said. "Their mission is education, offering our servicemen and women the tools they need to work with foreign nationals and serve as ambassadors to the United States."

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